

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application. Claims 23-32 have been canceled, and claims 1-15, 22, and 33-36 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-15, 22, and 33-36 have been allowed (*Office Action* p.4). Applicant appreciates the indication of allowability. These claims remain unchanged and are in condition for allowance.

35 U.S.C. §102 Claim Rejections

Claims 23-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,956,483 to Grate et al. (*Office Action* p.2). Claims 23-32 have been canceled and Applicant respectfully requests that the §102 rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Pending claims 1-15, 22, and 33-36 have been allowed and Applicant respectfully requests issuance of the subject application. If any issues remain that preclude issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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